renew the arrangement beyond May, 2004 with PTC. Subsequently on the request of Government of Madhya Pradesh arrangements for supply of about 100 MW during peak hours and "200 MW during off-peak hours was made towards the end of May, 2004 through PTC under bilateral arrangement.

(ii) In addition, Four (4) units of 125 MW each have been synchronized at Indirasagar Hydroelectric Project by Narmada Hydro Electric Power Corporation in the months of September and November, 2003 and January, 2004 and its entire generation, is supplied to Madhya Pradesh.

Bhakra Hydel Unit

839. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Bhakra Hydel Unit is on the verge of shutdown as the water level is plunged to the lowest level at 1466.14 feet; and

(b) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to prevent the shut down of hydel unit?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The level of Bhakra Reservoir touched 1466.11 ft. on 14th June, 2004 as against the dead storage level of 1462 ft.

(b) The operation of Bhakra and Pong reservoirs of the BBMB are periodically reviewed by the Technical Committee of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) consisting of representatives from Irrigation Departments and power utilities of all the participating States (of BBMB), for optimizing the requirements of irrigation and power generation. The Committee takes into consideration all the relevant factors while deciding the operation of these reservoirs to ensure irrigation supplies as also the power generation based on the water storage position in the reservoirs and the anticipated inflows during the period under consideration.

Power generation through non-conventional sources

840. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the steps Government have taken to render help and encourage, States for non-conventional power generation and explore